GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

CAF&CS Dept. – COVID 19 – Preventive measures to be taken for controlling the spread of Noval Corona virus - Conduct inspections on traders in essential commodities to make available the essential commodities during the lock down period – Orders issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 9 Dated: 01-04-2020

Read the following:

1. Essential Commodities Act, 1955.
2. G.O.Rt.No.209, Dated:22-03-2020 of HM & FW (B2) Dept.,
3. G.O.Rt.No.210, dated:23-03-2020 of HM & FW (B2) Dept.,
4. Lr.No.1-19/16/2020, GOI., Ministry of CA,F & PD, Department of CA, Weight & Measures Unit, Dated:12-03-2020.

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ORDER :

Whereas the Government of Andhra Pradesh is taking all necessary steps to face the challenge and threat posed by the spread of COVID-19 virus, there is every possibility that the lock down period may hamper the availability of essential commodities stocks in the State and prejudicially affect the maintenance of supplies and services resulting in grave hardship to the general public

2. It was brought to the notice of the government that some of the traders dealing with essential commodities may hoard and sell the Essential Commodities at higher prices and cause much inconvenience to the Consumers, particularly poor people of the Society. The Collector (CS) in each District have been instructed to fix the prices of Essential Commodities and closely supervise the same in the District. Whereas officials of Legal Metrology Department are entrusted with the task of detecting and curbing violations of MRP for packed commodities. However in view of the extraordinary circumstances during the lockdown period, the services of Legal Metrology Department are very much essential to deal with all violations under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 in the Districts.

3. Therefore, inorder to make available the essential commodities to the consumers during the lockdown period and also to prevent the traders, wholesalers, retailers dealing in essential commodities, not to sell the essential commodities at an higher prices or to hoard the stocks, orders are hereby issued in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 5 of the Essential Commodities Act. 1955 delegating the powers to the officials of Legal Metrology department i.e., Assistant Controllers of L.M., Inspectors of L.M. under the supervision of concerned Deputy Controllers and Joint Controllers and Controller of Legal Metrology, to enter the premises of the traders, wholesalers and retailers dealing in essential commodities and conduct inspection and seize any stocks of essential commodities, supply documents or books, accounts or other related document for the purpose of such inspection//seizure and also to book cases under Section 7 of the Essential Commodities Act 1955, for black marketing, diverting and selling of essential commodities at higher prices until further orders.

4. The Controller of Legal Metrology, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KONA SASIDHAR,
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Controller, Legal Metrology department,
Vijayawada

Copy:
To the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Vijayawada, A.P.
The all the District Collectors in A.P.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

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